

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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HEALTH INSURANCE SCHEME

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some State Governments have announced a health insurance scheme for families living below the poverty line in the rural areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the State Governments have requested the Union Government to compensate the States for subsidizing the scheme; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL)

(a) & (b): Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has reported that Government of Andhra Pradesh has launched with effect from 1st April, 2007, a Community Health Insurance Scheme named 'Arogya Sri' to provide health coverage to the families living below poverty line, on a pilot basis in the selected 3 backward districts of Andhra Pradesh, namely Mahboobnagar, Anantapur and Srikakulam.

(c) & (d): The State Government has requested the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for a financial assistance of Rs. 46.20 lakhs to the State representing 70% of the premium liability for the pilot project. The request of the Andhra Pradesh Government is under consideration of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.